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In re application of: B.E. SORENSEN

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For: NITS SEPARATOR

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 3, 2006, applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments and comments into this file of this application.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS begin on page 2.

REMARKS begin on page 5.

No fees are believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814.